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Great Incohonee's Message

To Our Members Everywhere —
Greetings:

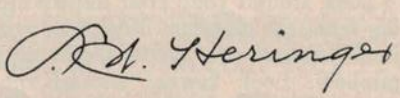
As time in its fleetness fast approaches the closing of my term of Service to you as your Great Incohonee I am cognizant of the fact that I have no where near accomplished all that I had hoped when I took the oath of office at our Buffalo session.

Excuses as to why this is so would serve no useful purpose except to say that time, distance and inherent conditions within our order have a material effect. For instance, I had hoped to visit each reservation and each Great Council but found this impossible because in some instances four Great Councils are holding sessions at the same time. It would seem to me that some method of control should be established so that no such conflictions would prevail as between reservations.

As of the moment it appears that the continual loss of membership that has prevailed during the many past Great Suns is still part and parcel of our operation. It is also apparent that the severity of our losses have materially decreased. It is to be hoped that the efforts of my successors may fully stem this tide of membership loss.

In closing this, my last message to you as your Great Incohonee, may I again express my heartfelt thanks to all who have been of assistance in making the burdens of this office and the details involved therein easier to bear.

Sincerely yours in F. F. & C.



LARRY W. HERINGER,
Great Incohonee

GET OUT AND VOTE

This is an Election Year! New Leaders must be chosen! Many crises face our nation! YOU can do YOUR part by VOTING for the party or the individual of your choice. Part of our American Heritage is the right of a Free Election. We can participate in the government of our country by VOTING for those persons who will work for and believe in the same things that you do.

The future of AMERICA lies in the hands of the population of this great country. It is up to You whether you permit the political machines to run America, by staying away from the polls on election day, or take your part in the governing of this country by VOTING. Being a non-political organization, we do not tell you how to vote, or for whom. But we do strongly urge you to VOTE. Remember . . . Do Not Vote . . . And The Choice is THEIRS. VOTE . . . and the CHOICE is *YOURS*.

FLAG DAYS

We urge each and everyone of our members to fly the FLAG on all flag holidays. Let's have our Order lead the way in having the Flag fly over America once again. Remember the forthcoming Flag Holidays: LABOR DAY, September 2nd; CONSTITUTION DAY, September 17th; COLUMBUS DAY, October 12th; VETERANS DAY, November 11th; THANKSGIVING DAY, November 28th; CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25th.

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EDITORIAL

written by Robert Abernathy
Great Junior Sagamore of the Great Council of Texas.

As we close the present national membership champaign it seems appropriate that a few observations are in order as to the apparent lack of interest on the part of palefaces to affiliate with our organization.

First and foremost, our fraternal apathy is one reason. We do not tell and sell the Red Man story. We just don't get up off our collective hindquarters to scout the forests of our reservations.

Excuses for inertia are as multiple and varied as the aches and pains of a hypochondriac and most of them are about as valid. We sit around our council brands and bemoan the fact that we can't induce enough interest in our members to fill our chieftancy stumps and wonder why we can't entice a few paleface into our Order. We blame television, lack of interesting programs for the meetings, other activities, indifference and just plain tired blood for the lack of attendance and interest.

We say old members won't attend and new members are not interested because they don't get anything out of the meetings. Every red man knew he had to put wood on the fire to get warmth out of it. He also knew he must put seed in the ground before his corn would grow. He couldn't trade horses without a horse to trade.

Everything we have said thus far has been said before and has been hashed and rehashed so many times it has turned into a most unsavory stew.

So, let's explore some really new thinking. Let's forget the excuses and find out what is actually wrong.

While we have been sitting around our campfires warming over a watery stew and pulling our moth-eaten blankets more tightly about us to ward off the cold brought on by the dying embers of an unfed fire, the brambles and underbrush have been gradually encroaching on our once-cleared campsite.

Look around you! Your teepees are suffering from the elements. Your bow strings are in shreds and your arrow shafts are like the rainbow. Look further beyond the forest, where the great herds of buffalo, deer and

antelope once roamed and the sparkling rivers once teemed with fish. What do you see?

Skyscrapers now rise from the rolling plains. Broad strips of concrete now span the valleys and top the mountains. The whispering wind is unheard above the roar of traffic. The world has caught up with you.

Brother Red Man you can no longer live in yesteryear. True, you have a long and noble heritage and it behooves all to never forget it. But, you cannot resurrect your young and stalwart braves from the memories of a victorious battlefield; nor rebuild your tattered wigwams from the torn and dusty pages of the past.

By all means, collect and revere the relics of your heritage. Preserve the records of your deeds. Keep faithful the legends of your forebears; but, recognize the presence of TODAY and the promise of TOMORROW!

Remember! You are enlisting brothers now living in a nuclear climate who cut their teeth on the atomic arrow. Smoke signals have been replaced by a bolt of harnessed lightning. Pictographs, once scrawled in the limestone overhangs are now projected across the mountains and the plains with the speed of a shaft of sunlight. The old ways and the old laws are outmoded by the spinning tapes and winking eyes of computer brains in the electronic age.

Let's face the facts. Look at your own tribe, your own State Council Sessions, or even the Great Council of the United States. Do you still adhere to a constitution and by-laws written before the turn of the century? Have you made any changes or amendments since horse and buggy transportation and kerosene illumination?

Do you listen— really listen—to your new members? Do you disagree with every suggestion made by them just because it deviates from the system you are most comfortable with and have been using since the days of high button shoes and cracker barrel philosophy?

Are you secretly envious of the new "balls of fire" adopted into your tribe and feel they are trying to take over the Order? Do you refuse to cooperate with them and even become lax in your own attendance because of your petty feelings? Do you bicker over, quibble and criticize every new idea?

Do you still meet the same night of EVERY week, come hell or high water, just because grandpa did? Are your annual dues still at the level when twenty-five dollars a week was considered a top-level wage? Is your lodge hall clean, modern, comfortable and a place you are proud to show visitors?

What about your recreation facilities? Are they the tail that wags the dog in your teepee; or does your council chamber predominate your activities with an atmosphere of patriotism based on Freedom, Friendship and Charity?

Does your tribe have ANY kind of community program active, either locally instituted or nationally inspired?

Brother, if ANY member of your tribe is guilty of any one of these shortcomings, NOW is the time to restring your bows and reshaft your arrows; rekindle your fires and clear away the brush.

If you aren't already dead, TODAY will bury you just as deep as if you are and TOMORROW will sweep away all signs of your burial ground and the coyotes won't even howl over your grave.

If Redmanship is to survive we must all be proud of our Order and the principles upon which it was founded before the birth of this nation it is dedicated to support. We must get in step with TODAY and march in harmony into TOMORROW!

(s) Robert Abernathy, G.S.S.
(Texas)

OUR REPORTERS

Without our reporters, there would be no magazine. We do not have a standing staff of reporters, but we urge all our readers to send us news or items suitable for publication. Those who do so, are our reporters. We salute the following who are our Reporters for this issue: John L. Howley, Marvin Hudson, Rev. Edward C. Payne, Harold Knoll, John Owen, Elizabeth Corbell, James Kelly, Larry Heringer, Fred Dearling, Carl Lemke, Gloria Brinker, Eva Messic, Robert Riebold, John Muse, and Mabel Duer.

May we also congratulate the many Editors who labor so lovingly to publish their Tribal, Council, or Reservation Bulletins. This type of communication is the vital link between our Order and the Membership. We receive many of these bulletins. All are well written, promote the Order, and no amount of praise herein can do justice to the service rendered by these dedicated members.

MARTIN QUAM HONORED

(left) George L. Brooks, President Red Wing Industrial Development Corp. (right) Martin Quam, Jr., member Red Wing Tribe No. 31.

The Bay State Milling Company of Winona, Minnesota has Honored Martin Quam, Jr. as the OUTSTANDING BAY STATER because of outstanding service both to the company and to the community. Quam, second miller at Bay States's Red Wing Mill, received a letter from Bay State President, Bernard J. Rothwell II saying: "As a Member of Red Wing Tribe No. 31, Improved Order of Red Men, you are helping this patriotic, fraternal, and civic group to attain its worthy aims". Rothwell's letter indicating Quam's "determination to do a good job not only for the company, but to work effectively on behalf of your community as well." "As a labor representative of the Red Wing Industrial Development Corporation you are striving to encourage industrial expansion which will make this fine community of Red Wing, Minnesota an even better place in which to live and to work."

Bay State's Red Wing Manager, William J. Back gave a special presentation folder to Quam containing Rothwell's letter and a mounted photo of the employee being congratulated by George L. Brooks, president of the Red Wing Industrial Development Corporation and owner of Red Wing Radio Station KCUE.

Martin Quam, Jr. is an active member of Red Wing Tribe No. 31, and we offer CONGRATULATIONS to this worthy Fraternal Brother who works for the benefit of his community and for humanity in general.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In this column we endeavor to answer your questions concerning our Laws, Rituals, Programs, or any question of general interest. Send your questions to the editor of this magazine. REMEMBER, that we are governed by our Constitution and General Laws, Rituals, Roberts Rules of Order, and the general accepted customs.

(1) Is it permissible to close a meeting in Short Form?

(2) Can my Tribe use a dues receipt specially designed for it?

(3) As a Past Sachem, am I eligible to attend the Great Council of the U. S.?

(4) In a recent newsletter, I read a statement derogatory to the Great Council of the United States. Is such permitted under the rule of a Free Press?

(5) Do we permit Communists to become members of this Order?

(6) Is there such a thing as a standard adoption fee? If so, what is it?

(Answers on Page 8)

READ AS YOU RUN

P.G.S. Ross Ames, Great Chief of Records of the Reservation of New York, recuperating at home after recent hospitalization . . . We mourn with the Reservation of Texas the passing of P.G.S. Elmer Jordan, he served as Great Keeper of Wampum for 35 years and gave it up two years ago due to failing health . . . California honors Fay Bannister as "Mother Of The Year" and Harry Zimmerman as "Father of The Year." . . . Indiana will have a chartered bus going to Richmond . . . Our condolences to P.G.S. Ross Ames of New York whose wife Jeannette passed away recently . . . Mohawk Council No. 30 of Newport, N. H. celebrated their 50th Anniversary by honoring Maude Merrill, the only living charter member . . . John R. Dilts, Sr. honored as "Red Man of the Year" by the Reservation of New Jersey . . . P.G.I. Bryan Hurd recuperating at home after recent surgery . . . P.G.I. James Archer and also P.G.P. Ruth Archer both recuperating at home after recent hospitalization . . . May Reffeitt, incoming President of the Degree of Pocahontas National League has just retired . . . Past Great Incohonee Wm. E. Farrenkopf is reported to be resting well following a slight heart attack.

PUBLICITY

Our reporter John Louis Muse sends us a most complete publicity report of the activities in the Reservation of Massachusetts. On May 12, the Chiefs of Anona Council No. 2 were raised; and this Junior Council, sponsored by Winepewweekin Council No. 54 is doing a splendid job and certainly is a credit to their sponsors and the entire Order. On May 23rd, Wahpatuck Tribe No. 54 of Wakefield held their annual Memorial Service. This is one of the most impressive and reverent services that anyone might hope to see.

On May 26th, the Great Council of Massachusetts held another memorial service, this to honor the Great Indian Chief Passaconaway. Many years ago, the now defunct Tribe No. 32 of Lowell erected a statue to this great chief. This statue was 11 feet six inches tall and was erected on a pedestal. In 1937, the Tribe in Lowell surrendered its charter, and deeded the statue to the Great Council of Massachusetts. In 1938 a hurricane toppled the statue and vandals almost wrecked it. Members of Saggahew Tribe No. 60 of Methuen became interested in restoring this statue; and, with the help of many Tribes in the Reservation, the statue was restored. The first annual pilgrimage was held this year on May 26th, and Great Sachem Harvey Dellinger presided over the ceremonies that will now become an annual event. On June 3rd, a consolidation of Chippewa Council No. 45 and Neyron Council No. 21 was presided over by Great Pocahontas Lillian Forbes and many Great Chiefs. The consolidation of these two Councils will bring renewed activity to Cambridge. On June 8th, Weetomps Council No. 66 of Methuen hosted the Great Pocahontas Lillian Forbes to Councils No. 66 of Methuen hosted the Great Pocahontas Lillian Forbes to a homecoming; more than 180 Sisters and Brothers enjoyed an evening of Degree Work and festivities. On June 13th, Wahpatuck Tribe No. 54 honored Great Sachem Harvey Dellinger with a homecoming, with 105 members in attendance. On June 15th and 16th, the Reservation of Massachusetts along with other New England Reservations, attended a two day seminar at Waltham, conducted by Great Sr. Sagamore Edward L. Keyser, Sr. and Great Junior Sagamore S. LeRoy French.

The above only covers a small portion of the activities listed by our reporter. He praised and listed the activities of the Junior Tribes, the renowned Band of Wakefield, and many, many more activities.

"Massachusetts certainly must be Congratulated for their many activities. We wish that ALL Reservations were as active. Let's hear from you!"

95th ANNIVERSARY

Members of WANETA TRIBE No. 75 of Martins Ferry, Ohio at the Dedication.

Anniversaries come and go, but occasionally one remains as an outstanding affair. Such was the case recently when WANETA TRIBE No. 75 of Martins Ferry, Ohio celebrated their 95th anniversary. The highlight of this activity was the dedication of a beautiful new addition to their wigwam, which was 28 feet wide and 115 feet long. The dedication ceremony was complete with a Flag raising, and a cornerstone laying ceremony.

More than 200 members registered for the dinner served in this beautiful new addition. Following the dinner, a class of 28 candidates was adopted, with the degree work being performed by Sioux Tribe No. 128. The following Great Chiefs of Ohio were present: Don Routte, Great Sachem; Garold Welbaum, Great Sr. Sag.; Gary Sontag, Gr. Jr. Sag.; P.G.I. James Archer, G.C.R.; Robert Hammond, Gt. Mishinewa; Dennis Bennett, Gt. Sannap; Robert Carsey, Gt. G. of F.; and Past Great Sachems Hugh Bennett and John Ward Cross.

Our Congratulations to the Chiefs and Members of Waneta Tribe No. 75 on their new addition and the splendid class of candidates. Why can't more Tribes have such fruitful anniversaries?

HALL OF PATRIOTS

Past Great Incohonee John L. Howley, National Director for the Hall of Patriots Program at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania proudly announces that our project has culminated with 100% success. This program began in 1964 at the Great Council Sessions held in Philadelphia, when both branches of our Order unanimously approved a proposal to raise the sum of $70,000 for a HALL OF PATRIOTS lobby at the Freedoms Foundation Center.

The struggle has been hard and long, but many Tribes, Councils and individuals responded generously and our contributions began to climb towards our goal. Freedoms Foundation gave us the opportunity to broaden the scope of our participation, without increasing our contribution, by combining the HALL OF PATRIOTS with the beautiful FAITH OF OUR FATHERS CHAPEL. The stained glass window in the chapel is an exact replica of the one in the United States Senate, presided over by the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, who is also the Chaplain of the Freedoms Foundation Center. This beautiful chapel is located just inside the main entrance to the Freedoms Foundation and will be visited each year by nearly half a million people.

On April 29, 1967, the dedication of the FAITH OF OUR FATHERS CHAPEL and A HALL OF PATRIOTS took place. Twenty-five hundred members from both branches of our Order were in attendance, with members from seventeen Reservations. Great Incohonee Larry W. Heringer, and his Board of Great Chiefs, along with Pauline Hurd, President of the Degree of Pocahontas National League and her elected Chiefs, presided over the ceremonies and ribbon cutting. This solemn but ritulistic ceremony will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of being in attendance.

Despite our struggle to raise funds, we were still short six thousand dollars at the dedication date. Here again the spirit of Redmanship triumphed when Thinklet Tribe No. 4 of Ketchikan, Alaska generously offered to loan this sum to your Board of Great Chiefs until such time as sufficient contributions were received to liquidate the loan. Again the appeal went out to our Tribes and Councils and many of those who had already contributed, made additional contributions. At the issue of our last magazine, we still needed five hundred dollars. We are now happy to state that all loans have been repaid, all commitments have been met, and the HALL OF PATRIOTS Program has been successfully concluded. The inscription on the cornerstone of this beautiful chapel, tells the story to all those who visit there. "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS CHAPEL — A HALL OF PATRIOTS. A National Patriotic Project of the Improved Order of Red Men and The Degree of Pocahontas. Organized 1765, Inspired Donors Of The Chapel Nave."

Each and every one of YOU who contributed to this wonderful project, can be justly proud of a job well done. Proudly display your certificate of participation. Your name will remain permanently in the GOLD BOOK in the Chapel for posterity. To you who have not as yet had the opportunity to see this building, plan to do so at some future date. REMEMBER, this is OUR building, built through the UNITED cooperation of ALL our members. For years to come, we can point with pride to this accomplishment.

In every issue of this magazine we have printed an HONOR ROLL of those Tribes and Councils who had made contributions between each quarterly issue. Herein is the final HONOR ROLL. THANKS . . . ONE AND ALL.

HONOR ROLL

Miami Council No. UD, California 200%

HIGHWAY SAFETY

It is gratifying to note that for the first time in several years, our nation can report a reduction in Highway Deaths. The slight decrease in the 1967 totals might seem encouraging, but it is still a horrible thought to know that 52,000 persons met violent death on our nation's highways, with more than 4,000,000 injured. Could we dare hope that this one year's reduction in TRAFFIC DEATHS, could have been helped by OUR efforts in promoting HIGHWAY SAFETY? If so, we more than ever urge you to support the RED MEN's HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM. A quantity of our own BUMPER STICKERS are NOW available FREE of charge. Why not write for a supply while the quantity lasts. Send your requests directly to Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R. — Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

OHIO C.O.P.D.

"What A Day This Is!"—these were the words John Ward Cross, a member of the national committee on Promotional Development, gave to Ed Keyser, Great Senior Sagamore of the United States, as his topic when he was about to address the representatives of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Degree of Pocahontas of Ohio. Assembled in the ballroom of the Fort Hayes Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, were more than 100 Red Men and Pocahontas—ready to hear words, opinions, and philosophies of Keyser, Cross, and William Farrenkopf, all members of the national committee on Promotional Development, and Carl Lemke, Great Chief of Records of the United States.

By evening the words of these men had filled many rooms and each person who heard them was humbled, stimulated, and inspired. For the words of these men rang out many challenges—Wake Up! Evaluate! Look to our youth for leadership! Build for the future! Be progressive—OPEN A NEW WINDOW!

Throughout the day—at meetings and in conversations—the eyes and ears of the dedicated Red Men and Pocahontas of Ohio, who had come to attend this state-wide meeting, were opened to cause each and everyone present to evaluate the position and status of our great fraternity. Our national committee had done a brilliant job in laying a foundation for thought—for now the time had come to look, not back, but to the FUTURE.

The joint meetings of the Red Men and the Pocahontas were stimulating and rewarding. Their individual sessions were thought provoking, critically stimulating, and "down-to-earth." To Helen Zipperich, Great Pocahontas of Ohio, and her chairwoman Ruth Cross, Great Minnehaha of Ohio, and to Don Routte, Great Sachem of Ohio, and his chairman Hugh Bennett, Past Great Sachem, and his committee members, Garold Welbaum, Great Senior Sagamore of Ohio, and Gary Sontag, Great Junior Sagamore of Ohio, go unlimited "bouquets" of gratitude for their planning and bringing together the national personalities to inspire the Red Men and Pocahontas of Ohio to realize we are at the bridge and THE BRIDGE WILL BE CROSSED!

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 1968 National Membership Campaign ended on June 30th, 1968, after running for six months. This was a campaign promoted by the national committee on Promotional Development, under the direction of Great Sr. Sagamore Edward L. Keyser, Sr., who is by law, national membership chairman. This membership campaign was based on the theory of Tribal or Council cooperation. It was thus that a quota was set for each Tribe and Council and each was notified individually of their respective quota. For example, a Tribe or Council with a quota of ten new members (or reinstatements) could add together all their adoptions until their quota was met. Thus the award is not to be given to an individual member, but to the Tribe or Council for their united effort in meeting their quota. If the quota was doubled, then said Tribe or Council would be eligible for two awards.

The monetary value of the award is not great, but we feel sure that they will be around for a long time and really put to use. The committee discussed many types of awards and each had some drawbacks. Plaques could not be displayed by many Tribes and Councils with rented meeting places. Trophies or cups would meet the same fate. Thus the committee decided to give as the NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD one of the Official Tomahawks of the Order. This is a beautiful tomahawk with a bronze head with a hand carved handle. One side of this tomahawk has the Eagle Emblem, and the other side will be suitably inscribed, designating that this tomahawk was awarded for MEMBERSHIP INCREASES in 1968.

The campaign is now ended. Tabulations have been made and the TOMAHAWKS ordered. REMEMBER, we have no way of knowing if you have reached your quota unless you send in the report directly to Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R. It is up to the Chief of Records and Keeper of Records to send in this information. DEADLINE for this information is August 20th and positively no reports will be accepted after that date. The TOMAHAWK AWARDS will be distributed in the near future.

Congratulations to all recipients of this 1968 National Membership Award. May it inspire you to even greater efforts to increase the membership in your Tribe or Council.

OFFICIAL CALL

103rd Sessions — Great Council of The United States

Esteemed Great Chiefs
Past Great Incohonees
Representatives — Committees
and Members:

Greetings:

Know ye, by virtue of the power in me vested as Great Incohonee, I will cause the council fire of the 103rd session of the Great Council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas, to be kindled in the Hunting Grounds of Richmond, Reservation of Virginia, on the 23rd Sun, Corn Moon, G.S.D. 477. (September 23rd, 1968)

Kindly remember that all resolutions and bills must be forwarded to the Great Chief of Records thirty days prior to the session. (Three copies please.)

The Waco office of the Great Chief of Records will be closed from September 18th to October 5th.

Please take notice of this official call and be governed accordingly.

Attest:
Carl R. Lemke
Great Chief of Records

Fraternally yours in F., F., & C.
Larry W. Heringer
Great Incohonee

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Answers to Questions on Page 4)

(1) NO. All meetings MUST be closed in regular form.

(2) NO. We refer you to the General Laws Sec. 6-5.15. Official receipts must be used in all cases by the Chief of Records or Collector of Wampum for the payment of dues. These receipts MUST be procured from the Great Council of The United States and must be in accordance with the form adopted.

(3) YES, with certain restrictions. We refer you to the General Laws, Sec. 1-3.05. Past Sachems may be admitted to the Great Council of the United States as Guests, without voice, vote or demonstration; such members shall be admitted only after the secret opening ceremonies have been completed, and shall be seated in a separate section. The qualifications for admission of such members shall be by presentation of Past Sachem Certificate, paid-up dues receipt and possession of the current password and explanation.

(4) NO. We refer you to the General Laws Sec. 7-1.08. Any member of the Order who shall either in his individual capacity, or as editor, publisher, manager or director of, or contributor to any fraternal or other publication, knowingly or wilfully print, publish or otherwise circulate, or knowingly, or wilfully cause or permit to be printed, published or otherwise circulated, any false, slanderous or libelous matter reflecting upon the character, good name or official acts of the Great Council of the United States, or any subordinate branch thereof, or upon the character, good name or official acts of any Great Chief of the Great Council of The United States, or the Great Chiefs of a Reservation Great Council, or the Chiefs or Members of any subordinate branch of the Order, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Red Man, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by expulsion from the Order.

(5) NO. We refer you to the General Laws Sec. 6-4.02. No Communist shall be eligible to become member of the Improved Order of Red Men and it is required that all Question Books shall have a question, substantially in the following form: "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

(6) NO. But there is a minimum adoption fee. We refer you to the General Laws Sec. 5-3.11 Every Tribal Great Council must establish the fees for adoption and other degrees within its jurisdiction, but no paleface shall be adopted for a fee of less than five fathoms.

103rd GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS

ON TO RICHMOND is the thought uppermost in the minds of us all at this time. For we do look forward with anticipation to each of the Great Council of The United States biennial sessions. Each committee works hard and long to make these sessions a success. We urge you to cooperate in every way with the current committee so that YOU might enjoy your stay in Richmond, Virginia.

PROGRAM JOURNAL: this beautiful souvenir program book has now closed its covers and no additional ads can be accepted. We hope that you have placed an ad therein so that you might participate more fully in the activity of your convention.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: advance registration is $15.00 on and before September 1st, 1968. After that date, or at the sessions, registration will be $17.50. Make your Advance Registration directly to P.G.P. Nettie White, 126 Lorengo Ave., Norfolk, Virginia 23503. SPECIAL NOTICE: check or money order must accompany Advance Registration. Numerous advance registrations have been received, with no money accompaning same. The committee reminds those, that the money must be received by September 1st, or your registration will not be considered as an Advance Registration, and you will be required to pay $17.50 upon arrival.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Make your own Reservations directly to the Hotel. THE JOHN MARSHALL HOTEL, 5th & Franklin Sts., Richmond, Virginia 23219. Rates are as follows: Singles $12.50, $13.50, $14.50, and $15.50. Doubles $17.50, $18.50, $19.50 and $20.50. Twins $17.50, $18.50, $19.50 and $20.50. Suites $42.50 and $52.50. Write for special accomodations.

FUNCTION ROOMS or RECEPTIONS: those who desire special rooms for receptions or dinners, contact P.G.S. E. L. "Pete" Corbell — P. O. Box 1253, Wythe Br., Hampton, Virginia 23361.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: Registration on Sunday, Monday, and possibly Tuesday morning. Entertainment on Sunday Night, Introductions, and a Reception given by the Reservation of Virginia. MONDAY, formal opening (open to public). Executive sessions, both branches. Council of Sorrow Monday Evening. TUESDAY, Executive sessions, both branches. GREAT CHIEFS BANQUET Tuesday night. WEDNESDAY is the customary "Off Day". The Committee has planned a Sight-seeing trip with stops at Jamestown, Jamestown Festival Park, Williamsburg, the House of Burgesses, the Governor's Palace, and of course a stop at the Pocahontas statue. Lunch will be served on the tour. The tour will get you back to the hotel before dinner. Wednesday evening will be open. This will be an excellent time for visiting, room parties, reservation dinners, or any activity that you might plan. THURSDAY will be the usual business sessions, with the RAISING OF THE GREAT CHIEFS at 8:00 p.m. followed by the usual receptions. FRIDAY will be business as usual until adjournment.

If you are in need of any special information or assistance in any of your arrangements, don't hesitate to write to any of those mentioned above, or to John H. Owen, P.G.S., General Chairman — 196 Clement Ave., Danville, Va. 24541, or to Elizabeth Corbell, P.G.P., Co-Chairman — P. O. Box 1254, Wythe Branch, Hampton, Virginia 23361.

REMEMBER THE DATES — SEPTEMBER 22 thru SEPTEMBER 27, 1968. The 103rd GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS — RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

INDIAN ASSISTANCE

More and more units of our Order, especially Councils, are turning to INDIAN ASSISTANCE as part of their charitable activities. Many members of our Order feel that as we base our rituals and part of our history on the American Indian, it is indeed fitting that we should expand our charitable activities to include AID to the destitute Indians. Surely, the American Indian is the forgotten race here in America today.

We have received an appeal for soft, cuddly, washable, or other small toys that can be used by the Indian Children at the Winnebago Indian Hospital at Winnebago, Nebraska. We all know how depressed and lonely these poor childen can be as they undergo treatments, and these small toys will ease this loneliness and show them that someone "cares". These toys need not be new, but they should be clean and serviceable. If you have such toys, or can collect some, send them to THELMA WALLER, Social Worker, c/o Winnebago Indian Hospital, Winnegabo, Nebraska 68071.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

(Fifty Years Ago)

The Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men, and their Ladies, assembled in the ballroom of the Hotel Stratfield, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 14th Sun of Corn Moon, G.S.D. 417 (Sept. 14, 1908), to participate in the public exercises incidental to the assembling of the Great Council. Past Great Sachem Carl Foster of Connecticut, Chairman of the entertainment committee, called the assemblage to order. He then introduced the Honorable Everett J. Lake, Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, who extended a welcome to the Great Council on behalf of the Commonwealth of Connecticut.

The public exercises being concluded, the sixty-first Great Sun Council Fire of the Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men was called to Order by Great Incohonee W.A.S. Bird. The Great Chiefs, Committees, 197 Representatives, 8 Past Great Incohonees, and 32 Past Great Sachems responded to the roll-call. The reports for the Great Sun ending on the 31st of Hunting Moon, G.S.D. 416, showed 46 Tribal Great Councils, and 7 Reservations under the direct control of the Great Council of the United States, with 15 Great Councils of the Degree of Pocahontas, and 34 Reservations in which there were Councils of the Degree, under the control of the Tribal Great Councils, or the Great Council of the United States.

The total TRIBAL Membership reported was 386,841; and that of the Degree of Pocahontas, 84,820 — a Total Membership in the Order of 471,661, this being a NET GAIN OF 35,379 MEMBERS FOR THE GREAT SUN. The total receipts of the Tribes during the Great Sun amounted to 3,301,538 fathoms; of which the amount paid for the relief of members was 920,676 fathoms; for the relief of widows and orphans, 23,447 fathoms; for the burial of the dead, 274,629 fathoms; and for other expenses, 1,655,277 fathoms. The Great Chief of Records reported 4,968 Tribes and Councils in the Order, A GAIN OF 302 for the Great Sun.

The principal legislation of the Great Sun Council Fire was as Follows:

(1) Fixing the fee for transfer cards at One Fathom.

(2) Appropriating 500 fathoms for clerical assistance for the orphans fund.

(3) Authorizing the Great Incohonee to enforce the use of Official Dues Receipts.

(4) Continuing the Official Journal and appropriating 2,000 fathoms therefor.

(5) Authorizing the Great Incohonee to investigate the proposition for a tuberculosis home in Arizona.

(6) Amending the Mustering Ceremonies of the Red Men's League.

The city of Detroit, Michigan was selected for the place of the next Great Sun Council Fire. For the first time in the history of the Great Council, its Chiefs were raised in public.

"The above condensed version of the 61st Great Sun Council Fire of the G.C.U.S. was taken from the OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN (pages 474-475-476-477). This will give you an insight of the rapid growth, and the strength of our Order, just Fifty Years Ago."

RED MEN MAGAZINE

The Red Men Magazine in the Home of Every Member . . . FREE! This is the prime objective of the National Committee On Promotional Development. This magazine gives a working knowledge and information regarding all our programs, keeps you informed of the activities of other Tribes, Councils, and Reservations. An informed member is a working member! In order to make this possible, the committee must have some means to finance this project.

Each October, we send a box of beautiful Christmas Cards to every member whose name is recorded in the national office. These members who purchase these cards are sent the magazine FREE, for one year. During the past year 8,000 members have taken advantage of this opportunity to greet their Friends at Christmas with a distinctive card, and to become better informed through the magazine. While benefiting themselves, they have also helped increase the revenue for additional promotional activities.

For those who desire to subscribe to the magazine direct, subscriptions may still be secured at 50c per year, or a three year subscription for $1.00. Mail subscriptions directly to Carl R. Lemke.

A DEDICATION

In the last issue we featured a story on the Rochester Red Men. On June 22nd, the culmination of this story was the Dedication of their beautiful Wigwam addition. This is really a success story of Unity and Harmony for this beautiful complex is actually the combined efforts of ALL Tribes and Councils of Rochester, New York as follows: Wah-Bee Tribe No. 7; Wahoo Tribe No. 228; Tecumseh Tribe No. 233; Monon Tribe No. 489; Mista Council No. 48; Leota Council No. 54; White Cloud Council No. 134; and Starlight Council No. 302.

If you were not there, you missed a most beautiful, and impressive ceremony. An able committee, spearheaded by Walter Seeley as chairman, handled all the arrangements that seemed to go off without a flaw. A huge circus-type tent was erected on the parking lot and herein was held the opening ceremonies, witnessed by approximately three hundred guests. Highlight of this part of the activities was an Adoption Ceremony presided over by Freeman Johnson, Grand Sachem of the Seneca Nation. Then everyone moved inside for the Dedication Ceremonies. The Great Chiefs of the Reservation Of New York and other assistants were resplendent in their white summer formals and conducted the ritualistic parts with dignity and a sincerity that will be long remembered by those who witnessed this ceremony. Many introductions were made of all the dignitaries present and many words of wisdom were spoken. Great Sachem Al Sisti must be congratulated for a Job Well Done. Great Prophet Rex Lyle, Great Junior Sagamore Bill Reney, and Great Keeper of Wampum Harold Agar were present and participated. Representing the Great Council of the United States were Great Prophet Henry Valent, Great Sr. Sagamore Edward Keyser, Sr., and Great Jr. Sagamore S. LeRoy French. There were so many Greats and Past Greats from New York and other Reservations that it is impossible to mention them all in this article.

After the ceremonies, a delightful buffet was served as only Andy Masterly, the genial manager of the club can serve. Music, dancing and fellowship rounded out the memorable day.

Truly, the Rochester Red Men's Club deserves the title "THE MILLION DOLLAR CLUB." Each and every member of the Order is invited to stop in and VISIT any time they are in Rochester, New York.

RED MEN'S DAY IN ALEXANDRIA

Red Men's Day in Alexandria, Virginia on October 18 and Oct. 19, 1968 promises a program that will thrill all who attend. The highlight of the total program, is of course, the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Memorial Service held at the Arlington National Cemetery. Following these services, those who wish, will have the opportunity to visit the Kennedy grave sites.

Programs for Friday and Saturday evenings will include entertainment, refreshments, a supper, and of course delightful fellowship. A wonderful spirit of competition in attendance and participation is evident and promises to help make this annual program successful again this year. All programs other than those at the Cemetery will be held at ODD FELLOWS HALL, 218 N. Columbus St., Alexandria, Va. Buses will leave Odd Fellows Hall Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. for Arlington Cemetery.

To prepare for the supper on Saturday evening, the committee must have a realistic figure for the caterer by the 12th of October as to the number to be served. Please help in this respect if you expect to attend. The registration fee will be $3.50 and will include the bus to Arlington and the supper. If additional information is needed, write to P.G.S. Marvin Hudson, Secy., 115 West Nelson Ave., Alexandria, Virginia 22301.

NEW JERSEY C.O.P.D.

At a recent statewide meeting of the Committee On Promotional Development of the Reservation of New Jersey, Degree of Pocahontas, held at New Brunswick, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of Fifty Year Membership Cards and a Pin to 67 members. One member, Cora Hausette from Alleta Council No. 26 of Neptune has 65 years of service and she is still active and going strong. Her sister, Helen Harvey has 55 years of service with the same Council. The cards and pins were presented to the members present by Edward L. Keyser, Sr., G.S.S., who was the guest speaker of the evening.

CHOCTAW TRIBE

Martin & Billy Kelly, Official Flag Custodians, Choctaw Tribe No. 306, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Choctaw Tribe No. 306 of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania has taken direct action to foster PATRIOTISM. They have erected a 40 foot flagpole alongside their wigwam. They have designated two young men (sons of a member) as official Flag Custodians. Martin and Billy Kelly are both Boy Scouts and are well versed in the Flag Code. The FLAG flies every day at Choctaw Tribe as a symbol to the community that the IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN are proud of our FLAG and our COUNTRY. Thanks to Martin and Billy Kelly for their part in this Patriotic endeavor, for daily they raise the FLAG early in the morning and lower it at sunset.

P.G.I. JOHN L. HOWLEY HONORED

Huaco Tribe No. 48, of Waco, Texas completed their John L. Howley membership campaign with a dinner. The occasion was held on Brother Howley's birthday, May 30th. Brother Howley made the long trip from Philadelphia to Texas to be present. The Tribe presented him with a hand-tooled leather "Texas-style" attache case. A beautifully decorated three tier birthday cake was enjoyed by the Tribe, ten new members and several Great Chiefs of Texas.

THESE TRUTHS WE HOLD SACRED

We still have on hand nearly one thousand of these PATRIOTIC Booklets of 128 pages, that should be in the hands of every one of our members. It is this booklet that won for our Order, the 1965 VIGILANT PATRIOTS AWARD from the All American Conference to Combat Communism. This booklet contains the complete text of the Declaration of Independence, The Bill Of Rights, The Monroe Doctrine, The Flag Code, American Holidays, Watchwords of Democracy, Immortal Speeches, Patriotic songs and quotes, etc. This booklet can, and should be given to every new member. The first page of this booklet has room for the recipient's name and adoption date. These booklets are available at cost, fifty cents each, and can be ordered from the office of the Great Chief of Records, Carl R. Lemke.

GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS

Tribal

California	August 19-20-21	SanDiego
Colorado	August 8-9-10	Grand Lake
Kentucky	August 9-10-11	Lafollette, Tenn.
Minnesota	August 10	Red Wing
New York	August 11-12-13-14	Buffalo
Ohio	August 16-17	Troy
Texas	August 19-20	Beaumont
Washington	August 16-17	Puyallup
Wisconsin	August 22-23-24	Superior

Degree of Pocahontas

California	August 19-20-21-22	San Diego
Colorado	August 8-9-10	Grand Lake
Kentucky	August 9-10	LaFollette, Tenn.
Minnesota	August 10	Red Wing
Montana	September 6-7	Butte
Washington	August 16	Puyallup

IOLA COUNCIL HONORED

Iola Council No. 115 of New Brunswick, New Jersey received permanent possession of the JOHN L. HOWLEY Membership Trophy by winning it three years in a row, for the largest gain in membership in their Reservation. This retires this particular Trophy from competition. Sister Victoria McNamara, P.G.P. presented the trophy to Iola Council at the Great Council Sessions held in Atlantic City in June. The Reservation C.O.P.D. committee urges ALL Councils to make every effort to continue to TRY and build up MEMBERSHIP.

TORCH BEARER PROGRAM

Much has been said and written about the Torch Bearer Program. This program has been made available to you in pamphlet form for distribution among the membership. Both the Great Incohonee and the president of the Degree of Pocahontas National League endorsed it in their acceptance addresses. It is included in the workings of the Reservation Committees on Promotional Development. It has the approval of all that have come in contact with it and thousands of these pamphlets have been distributed and requests are received continuously for additional supplies.

The Torch Bearer Program uses as its symbol, the glowing torch held aloft by the statue of liberty. This torch should be the symbol that will enlighten our membership to a new era of self education and improvement. It is hoped that this program will motivate our membership towards self improvement and a gradual upgrading of the leadership of our fraternity through a better knowledge and understanding of what our Order is, what it stands for, and what our purposes are.

It is a known fact that we can and do secure new members. It is also a known fact that we cannot hold these members after we adopt them. The prime reason for this is the lack of training given to these new members and the lack of any planned program to keep them interested.

This is what we hoped to do through our Torch Bearer Program. Train our existing membership and give them a better understanding and a renewed interest in our Order. Make available to the new member, a basic, self training program that will lead to accomplishment, the rank of Torch Bearer.

Through this program, we hoped to Gain NEW members, motivate our existing members through better understanding and a spirit of accomplishment, and to materially reduce Suspensions. This Torch Bearer Program, through voluntary training, will give us a better informed membership, inspired by our patriotic founding, proud of their affiliation and inspired to do a better job of selling our Order to a paleface.

Are you working on this program and including it in your training programs? Do you need additional pamphlets? Do you need more information? Have you any suggestions to offer? Why not write and tell us what results you are having with this program? Are YOU a Torch Bearer?

● ATTENTION ●

Does your Tribe have a copy of the Official History of the Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas? . . Does your Council have a copy? . . . Does your public library have a copy?

In order to make room for other supplies, we have been authorized to offer 400 copies at cost, $7.50 per copy.

Order now. When this supply is exhausted the price will revert to $10.00 per copy.

Send Check and Order to:
Carl R. Lemke, Great Chief of Records, P. O. Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL

The following was sent to us by a young member who wishes to remain anonymous. He states "I myself cannot see the point of belonging to an organization where nothing visible is being accomplished. There is not enough interest to hold the members we now have, and nothing for the new ones. For once, all Tribes should unite behind a common cause."

I am a young member of the Improved Order of Red Men. When I first joined, I was told that the Order started at a time in history when this country needed strong patriots. Its first bold move was the Boston Tea Party. It stood for AMERICANISM and PATRIOTISM, First and Always. To my great dismay, I have found that we are one big social club, with its members following not the Order's precepts, but their own petty policies, accomplishing nothing but anomosity between themselves and other Tribes. At a time when our country can use a strong FRATERNAL organization, dedicated to FREEDOM, FRIENDSHIP and CHARITY, we instead, appear to be repeating history, following in the footsteps of the great Indian nations that roamed this great land, United they were not, and DIVIDED they vanished. IS THE IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN GOING TO VANISH? The time is NOW, not tomorrow. Why can't something be done? Why does an Order dedicated to such great ideals have to slowly diminish? I hope that someone will take the spark that this letter may cause, and turn it into a roaring fire, one that will spread to ALL TRIBES throughout the Great Reservation. LET US STAND STRONG! LET US STAND UNITED! Let us be truly proud to say BROTHERS of the Improved Order of Red Men.

LITERATURE

The national C.O.P.D. has a limited supply of literature on hand which is available FREE. This literature is valuable to you in your training programs, for your new members, and for publicity purposes. Write for samples or a supply, direct to the propagation office, P. O. Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Although we have mentioned Christmas Cards in the article above, many of our members still do not know how they can participate or get on the mailing list to receive same. We have repeatedly urged ALL Chiefs of Records and ALL Keepers of Records to send in a complete list of their members. This list will be used as the mailing list for the Christmas Card Program. REMEMBER, this is strictly a voluntary program and no one is required to accept the cards against their wishes. If you desire to keep the cards, remit the sum of two dollars in the envelope enclosed. If you do not desire to participate, simply mark the box REFUSED and drop into the nearest mail box and the cards will be returned to the sender.

ILLINOIS

The 70th Great Council Sessions of the Great Council of Illinois, Degree of Pocahontas, will convene in Alton, Illinois on October 6-7-8-9, 1968. Headquarters will be the Mineral Springs Hotel, 301 E. Broadway. Great Pocahontas Mildred McElrath extends an invitation to "One and All" to stop and visit with them on your way back from the Great Council of the United States. She advises that Alton is on highway 140, across from St. Louis, Missouri, across the mighty Mississippi by the Lewis & Clark Bridges.

ORPHAN SEALS

Have you seen the beautiful NEW orphan seals or stamps available from the office of the G.C.R. for $2.00 per thousand. Use them on your cards and all mail. Sell them and raise funds for your Tribe or Council. Write to Carl Lemke for a sample!

INDIAN FACTS

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett reports that 119 Indian Children were placed for adoption during 1967 through the Indian Adoption Project. The number of children adopted in 1967 almost doubled that of previous years and compares with a total of 400 children placed during the nine years of this program. These children have been placed in adoption in 25 states. Massachusetts leads with a placement of 16, followed by Indiana with 14, then Illinois and New York with 13.

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATION is today one of the most important facets of our modern world. Without it we would be lost. COMMUNICATION within our Order is also one of the most important ingredients for success that we have. Without communication, we would be disorganized, and well on the way to oblivion. Therefore, we cannot commend enough the many Editors who labor so long and lovingly over bulletins, newsletters, magazines, and even simple communications. For it is these communications that keep our Order together, keep each of us informed of happenings within Tribe or Council, Reservation, or on a national basis. It is these communications that are the tonic that is needed to bring our members into ACTION. Space does not permit us to list all these communications individually, so may we Salute ALL EDITORS for a Job Well Done. The rewards are few, but personal pride of accomplishment certainly is yours. THANKS.

KOSHARE DANCERS

From the Rt. Rev. Dean Edward C. Payne, D. C. of Hartford, Connecticut, who is also a Past Sachem of Toantic Tribe No. 22, comes a very interesting story on the Famous Koshare Dancers. This team is composed mostly of "Eagle Scouts". Their dances and Indian Lore are something that all RED MEN should see. This team recently performed in Connecticut and was witnessed by many members in that Reservation. As they tour the country, Brother Payne urges one and all to see this team in action, and support the BOYS who compose the Koshare Dancers.

FLORIDA

We are most happy to hear from our members in Florida even though the news was sketchy and concerned their recent Great Council Sessions held at Tampa. The Degree of Pocahontas has an active Great Council and these Sisters do a wonderful job of practicing fraternalism. At their Great Council Sessions, 110 members were in attendance, and the sessions were under the direction of Great Pocahontas Kathleen Herndon. P.G.P. Charlotte Horn represented the Great Incohonee. P.G.P. Etta Cullinane received her fifty year certificate during the sessions. Any members of the Order who may be in Florida next year, plan to visit this Great Council when they meet in Orlando.

WITHLA COUNCIL

The famous Traveling Council, Withla Council No. 42 of Greenville, North Carolina, 28 strong, with P.G.P. Betty Nobles in the lead, recently visited Texas' famous HEMISFAIR at San Antonio. While passing through, the "Girls" stopped off to visit with Carl Lemke, G.C.R. at the national office, Waco, Texas and had a grand time. CARL invites anyone visiting in Texas to stop off for a chat and a visit with the staff of the Great Council of the United States.

BOSTON TEA PARTY

We have just located the grave of another member of the Boston Tea Party.

William Tuffs is buried in the Bonneyville Cemetery near Bristol, Indiana. Brother Tuffs participated in many of the battles of the Revolutionary War. He was 108 years of age at the time of his death in 1848.

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PATRIOTIC AWARDS

Many Tribes and Councils are availing themselves of the Patriotic Awards Program. Numerous reports have come to the desk of your editor who had picked one such as representative of those received.

On June 16th, Massasoit Council No. 30 of Hampton, Virginia held their first PATRIOTIC AWARDS PROGRAM. Mrs. DeLois Lewis, chairman of the Americanism Committee was in charge. The program was held in the hall of Buckroe Methodist Church. Mrs. Alda Hicks gave the welcome address, and Ruth Smith gave the invocation. P.G.P. Nettie White, chairman of the Reservations C.O.P.D. was the guest speaker and her topic was "PATRIOTISM AND THE FLAG."

Twelve citizens of the Buckroe area who were cited for FLYING THE FLAG on appropriate Flag Holidays, were presented with a beautiful certificate in the name of the Order. The program was closed with refreshments for all.

This Council was well pleased with this first Awards Program and hope to make it an annual affair.

PATRIOTISM

Our story on PATRIOTISM comes from Danville, Virginia and your editor received a large newspaper write-up and a commercial ad that ran in the newspaper. The Danville Lodge has ordered complete flag sets, a 3 x 5 flag, with staff and holder and a book on flag etiquette. Packed in an attractive box, these flag sets will be sold for three dollars. This project is headed by B. O. Burgess and W. M. Gabbel, who announced the plan for a project "TO FLY YOUR FLAG" to the local papers. They stated "that in these trying times, of flag mutilations, draft card burnings, and a general disrespect for law and order, they felt that something should be done to prove that the majority of Americans are not of this low caliber, but are loyal, and faithful Americans."

Citizens of the area may order Flag Sets direct from the Red Men, who will deliver them anywhere in the Danville area, or they may pick up their flag sets at Belk-Legget Stores, downtown or Nor-Dan, who are cooperating in this project.

"Congratulations to the RED MEN of Danville. This is Publicity at its best. Patriotism for our Order should be a MUST."

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